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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 28 October 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 3, and 5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nicholson et al.

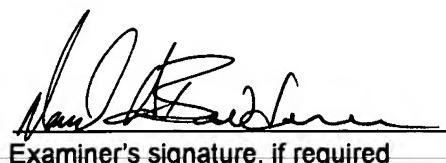
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: We discussed the application of 112 to claims 3 and 5. We agreed to language that would further define the specifics of the projections of the bulges. We also discussed the weather application of the Nicholson reference to the claims considering that it requires teaches the use of bone graft material. The Applicant contends that the reference teaches away. No agreement was reached on this point.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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